



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Our increased focus on the importance of school attendance is not because we in RSU 9 suddenly read some article or a new research study on it. It is not about compliance to arbitrary rules. It is about our concern about how absences negatively impact student success in school and in life. It is about our concern for what students miss by not being present at school. It is about our HOPE and belief that improved attendance will lead to improved student success for each of our young people, each of your children. We all know how important it is to be in regular attendance in our daily lives. It is a basic part of being involved in whatever we are doing or involved in. It is a part of growth in life. The reason RSU 9 made attendance such an important focus in our communications this year is because we need everyone working together on it. Unless families, students, staff, friends, coworkers, employers, and neighbors are all involved we won't be able to improve student attendance in RSU 9. Raising children is extremely difficult even in the best of situations. In today's busy world there are multiple distractions, interruptions, and needs which make it difficult for any one person, family, or group to provide the support needed by our children. Research shows that working better together will improve student attendance. The question is how we do we make it happen. Everyone's help is needed.



DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

March 1, 2024

Only through a community effort will we have a better chance of improving student attendance and, therefore success, one student, one family, one class, one grade level, and one school at a time!

We in RSU 9 are here to work with each of our parents and students. We are not here to make parents or students feel guilty but to feel supported. We want to help you work through some of the difficulties your child and family may be having that get in the way of your child's attendance.

For those who have been working closely with us thank YOU! For those who are unsure, please give us a try! Thank you!

!!REMINDER!! MARCH 15TH IS A STUDENT DAY W/ AN EARLY RELEASE

Grades 6-12 dismissed at 12:30

Grades Pk - 5 dismissed at 1:30

school ★ DAY ★



MBHS Girls Wrestling



Took 2nd place at the first Girls Wrestling Championship, in Skowhegan. Individual winners were Brooklyn Webber and Kendall Foster.

MBHS Boys AND Girls Nordic Teams

Captured another State Ski Championship at Titcomb!!
Both teams also received the Sportsmanship award.



IMPORTANT DATES

Late Arrival Wednesday (LAW)

Wednesday, 3/6/24

Wednesday, 3/13/24

NOW A SCHOOL DAY w/ EARLY RELEASE!

Friday, 3/15/24

Grades 6-12 dismissed at 12:30

Grades Pk - 5 dismissed at 1:30

Board Committee Meetings

Tuesday, 3/6/24

P & F - 5:30pm

Ed. Policy - 6:30pm

School Board Meeting

Tuesday, 3/12/24

BUDGET TIMELINE FY 25

LINKS:

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT



**Victoria
Peterson**



**Speech &
Language
Pathologist**

Victoria received an Award for Continuing Education (ACE) after attending the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) National Conference in Boston this past November.



The ACE is a formal recognition of professionals who have demonstrated their commitment to lifelong learning by earning 7.0 ASHA continuing education units (CEUs) (equivalent to 70 contact hours) within a 36-month period. Victoria was able to acquire almost 35 hours of continuing education over the 4 day conference which was helped to obtain the award.



We are proud to support our staff's passion for continuing education and advancing their skillset to better support our students here in RSU 9!

CONGRATULATIONS VICTORIA!!



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